

## Security Council continues debates

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council agreed Friday to continue its debates on Central America and the latest tension in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. They decided, at private consultations in the office of the Security Council president, currently Jeane Kirkpatrick of the United States, to hear further statements on Nicaragua's complaint against the U.S. at a session on Friday afternoon. They agreed that after a short recess, the Security Council would resume discussion of the Arab states' complaint against Israel over the situation in the West Bank. That debate began on Wednesday and was adjourned indefinitely. Mrs. Kirkpatrick told reporters she planned to let the Central America debate run on, as there were several speakers.

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## Solidarity strike staged in Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Work stopped in all public and private sectors for one hour on Thursday, between 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., traffic came to a halt, and shopkeepers closed their shops as an expression of solidarity with the popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories. Citizens expressed their absolute confidence in the wise and honourable stand and leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and his constant efforts to rally Arab ranks for the sake of the Palestinian cause. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, interviewed many officials and citizens who expressed their solidarity with the uprising of the "kinmen in the occupied areas and condemnation of the Israeli arbitrary and repressive measures."

## More members quit Village Leagues

AMMAN (Petra) — Residents in the occupied Arab areas continue to withdraw from the Israeli-sponsored West Bank Village Leagues after the leagues have been exposed and their links with the occupation authorities have been ascertained. The Jerusalem-based Arabic daily newspaper Al Quds on Friday published a list of the names of five people from the various parts of the occupied territories who withdrew from these leagues. Reports from the occupied territories say the Jordanian government's decision against the leagues was the motive behind the continuous withdrawal of a large number of members from them.

## Retired judge named Bangladesh president

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — Bangladesh's military junta, two days after seizing power, late Friday named A.M. Chowdhury, a retired supreme court chief justice, as the new president. Government-run radio Bangladesh reported that Mr. Chowdhury will be sworn in as president at 3 p.m. (0900GMT) Saturday. The Bengali-language broadcast was monitored by the United News of India. (Dacca seeks ousted leaders, page 8).

## Mubarak sends message to Reagan

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala left Cairo Friday for Washington carrying a message for U.S. President Reagan from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, defence ministry officials here said. Contents of the message were not disclosed. On Thursday, Lt.-Gen. Abu Ghazala was received by Mr. Mubarak.

## Nixon, King Hassan hold private talks

RABAT (R) — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon, who has been on holiday in Morocco, had an 80-minute meeting with King Hassan on Friday, officials said. The meeting was private and they gave no details of the talks. Mr. Nixon is due to leave for New York on Saturday.

## Yugoslav leader leaves for Africa

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (A.P.) — Hamodja Pozderac, a member of the Yugoslav Communist Party presidium, left Friday for an African tour which will take him to Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia, the Tanjug news agency reported. Yugoslav President Slobodan Kravicevic is also on a separate African tour, discussing preparations for the seventh summit conference of non-aligned countries, scheduled for September in Baghdad. Mr. Kravicevic has met leaders of Gabon and Nigeria, and is due to visit Guinea and Mali before returning here.

## Cyprus protests at airspace violations

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Cyprus protested to the United Nations, in a letter published Friday, against alleged violations of its airspace on March 15 by Turkish air force fighters. Cypriot U.N. Representative Constantine Moustakou said two separate overflights, each by two F-4 aircraft, were part of military exercises that involved infantry battalions in an area north of Skylloura in the Turkish sector of the island.

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## OPEC may call emergency meeting

ABU DHABI (R) — OPEC oil ministers will call an immediate emergency meeting unless oil companies stop trying to force Nigeria to cut its prices, OPEC President Man A. Sa'ad Al Oteiba said on Friday. Dr. Oteiba, the United Arab Emirates oil minister, told reporters he had consulted fellow ministers on Thursday and Friday on Nigeria's situation. He said that unless the companies changed their stance "we will call for an extraordinary meeting immediately." OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) held emergency talks only last weekend in Vienna and decided to cut output to defend prices against a world oil glut.

## Sierra Leone president arrives for 2-day visit



His Majesty King Hussein welcomes Sierra Leone President Siaka Probyn Stevens at Amman Airport Friday (Petra photo)

The meeting was attended from the Jordanian side by Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, President and Chairman Ali Ghadour, The Sierra Leone foreign minister and an adviser of Pre-

Armed Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Al Shaker, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, President and Chairman Ali Ghadour, The Sierra Leone foreign minister and an adviser of Pre-

sident Stevens attended the talks from the Sierra Leone side.

King Hussein later gave a dinner banquet in honour of President Stevens and his accompanying delegation.

## Haig affirms commitment to Camp David accords

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig Friday reaffirmed U.S. support for the Camp David peace process as he signed an agreement on the participation of American troops in a peacekeeping force for the Sinai. The 2,500-man force composed of military personnel from 11 countries is to patrol the Sinai after Israel completes the return of the area to Egypt on April 25.

The United States was the last of the 11 countries to sign an individual agreement with the director-general of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), Ray Hunt, spelling out the terms and conditions of participation in the Sinai force.

Mr. Haig made no mention of present tensions in the Middle

East when he cited the MFO agreement as evidence of a "deepening of the peace process" between Egypt and Israel.

"It is also testimony to the continuing American support not just for the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel itself, but for the peace process," he said.

"Americans today can take pride in the fact that they have been full partners in this momentous and historic process."

The director-general of the MFO said about 2,400 troops were already in the Sinai training and preparing for their peacekeeping mission after April 25. The United States has provided

1,100 troops for the peacekeeping force.

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In an interview with the Socialist daily *Le Matin*, Mr. Klibi said such an initiative would awaken the United States to the impasse reached by the U.S.-sponsored Camp David process which led to an Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

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## Guatemala's new junta leader says no foreign hand in coup

GUATEMALA CITY (A.P.) — The head of Guatemala's new military junta says no "foreign influence" was involved in the coup by young military officers this week.

Gen. Efraim Rios Montt, a 57-year-old general drafted Tuesday by officers who claimed the government they overthrew was corrupt and manipulated March 7 elections, declined to say when there would be new voting. The junta Thursday annulled the election.

"There is a project (on elections) being studied, but we (the junta) have not set a date," Gen. Rios Montt said in reply to a question at a news conference late Thursday.

He also indicated some public officials who worked under deposed Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia would be tried.

Gen. Rios Montt described the military uprising as "nationalist," but rejected any political labelling of the new government as of the left or the right.

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## Sultan Atrash, 100, dies

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Sultan Al Atrash, a well-known leader of Syria's Druze religious minority, has died at the age of 100, it was officially announced on Friday.

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## New Canadian constitution to be handed over in April

OTTAWA (R) — Queen Elizabeth will visit Canada from April 15 to 18 to hand over its new constitution which breaks the last legal ties with Britain, it was announced Friday.

She will attend an historic ceremony to mark the occasion and will sign a proclamation bringing into force Britain's 1982 Canada act incorporating the new constitution, governor-general Ed Schreyer said in a statement.

The act will give Canada control over its constitution. It contains reforms passed earlier in Canada to its 115-year-old British constitution and was passed on Thursday in London by the House of Lords in the last act of legislation the British parliament will carry out for its former colony.

The ceremony, ending what Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has called "a last vestige of colonialism," is expected to take place on April 17 in the Senate chamber of Canada's parliament.

## Weinberger presses Japan to increase defence spending

TOKYO (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger opened a campaign Friday to persuade Japan to spend more on its defence. In a major policy speech and in a meeting with Japanese Defence Minister Soichiro Ito, and at a press conference, he said that the United States was pleased with Japan's plans to increase military spending by 7.75 per cent this year but more was needed to meet the growing threat of the Soviet Pacific fleet.

A senior U.S. official said the planned spending increase was actually worth about 4.6 per cent, after inflation was taken into account, and that a rise of at least 10 per cent was needed for Japan to protect its air space and sea lanes out to a distance of 1,000 miles from the mainland.

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secretary of defence, will further press the U.S. case on Saturday in extended talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and again with Mr. Ito.

He will later visit South Korea and the Philippines before returning to Washington on April 4.

In a speech to the National Press Club, Mr. Weinberger, recalling that Mr. Suzuki had said Japan would defend itself out to 1,000 miles, said this was not possible at the present level of defence spending.

According to a senior U.S. official, the United States did not intend to press Japan to spend a specific percentage of its budget on arms, but would try to reach agreement with it on the need, and then leave Japan to set a budget to meet that need.

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## 'Repression taking racist form'

PARIS (R) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson said on Friday turmoil on the West Bank was taking on racist form, with Israeli settlers joining the army in firing on Arab demonstrators.

Speaking in a television interview, Mr. Cheysson also condemned "the repression launched by the Israeli authorities in the area, including the dismissal of the Arab mayors of Nablus and Ramallah.

Mr. Cheysson, who on Friday received ambassadors from seven Arab countries as well as a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said measures taken by Israel on the West Bank were "undoubtedly illegal."

Diplomats said Mr. Cheysson's remarks were some of the strongest made by an official of the Socialist administration of President Francois Mitterrand, who was in Israel earlier this month, on Israeli policy in the occupied territories.

The removal of the mayors, who had talks with Mr. Cheysson when he was accompanied by the president on his visit to Israel, prevented democratically-elected officials from carrying out their duties, he said.

Mr. Cheysson said television (Continued on page 3)

## Protests in Acre, Nazareth against Israeli measures

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (A.P.) — Palestinian demonstrators blocked a train with a barricade of rocks Friday and anti-government incidents spread to two towns in Israel.

Arab schools in the mixed Jewish-Arab town of Nazareth in the Galilee went on strike in sympathy with Palestinian demonstrators who have held the West Bank and Gaza Strip in a man uprising for a week.

Dozens of Arabs demonstrated in the mixed population town of Acre on the Mediterranean, blocking a main road and shouting Palestinian slogans, police said.

An Israeli driver was slightly injured by rocks thrown at his car in Arab Jerusalem, Israel Radio said.

He described the situation as "crucial for the chances of peace in the Middle East."

The wave of protests convulsed the occupied areas after Israel dismissed the mayor of Al Bireh. The Israelis followed this by ousting the mayors of Ramallah and Nablus.

Prof. Milson said Israel was "struggling against a PLO goal of wrecking negotiations for limited Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as envisaged in the Camp David peace agreement."

## Jordan-PLO panel continues meetings

By Samira Kawar  
Special to the Jordan Times

# NATIONAL

Young Ambassadors perform tonight

## Envoy of an entirely different kind

AMMAN (J.T.) -- Envoy of a very different kind are in Jordan to spread the message of friendship and brotherhood in an unusual way. The Young Ambassadors, a 20-member troupe of singers and dancers from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, in the United States, will perform here Saturday and Sunday.

The 120 performances of their international show, to be staged at the Palace of Culture, will combine many lively song and dances, some with stunningly bright costumes. Entitled "I Love America," the show will highlight favorite aspects of American life and its cities. There will be the music and dances of Dixieland, New Orleans and Hollywood. The young artists will also recreate the romance of a Broadway show time, as well as the rip-roaring fun of a Western town.

For more than twenty years the Young Ambassadors have been entertaining audiences around the world. Since their first international performance at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan, two units of the group have toured throughout the United States of America, in Canada, South America, the Soviet Union, the Peoples of China, India and Sri Lanka. Their present month-long tour of the Middle

East by the United States International Communications Agency, includes visits to Turkey and Egypt, as well as Jordan. The proceeds from the performances in Jordan, where they are being presented by the Department of Arts and Culture and the Haya Arts

Centre, under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, will go to the formation of children's libraries.

In all the foreign countries they have visited -- more than 23 -- the Young Ambassadors have del-

ighted audiences, young and old, with their fast-paced, fulfilling shows. According to Randy Booth, artistic director of one Young Ambassadors group, the success of the Young Ambassadors is simply that they believe in what they sing. They truly

feel that all people can be united in peace. A favorite part of the show for the group is when they leave the stage of visit personally with audience members.

Rex Barrington, public relations director, is travelling with the group. When asked about the talent and exuberance of the Young Ambassadors he explained that their spirited showmanship does not just happen by chance.

The group maintains a rigorous rehearsal and performances schedule which gives noticeable professionalism and polish to their show. Prior to international tours the group even attends specially-designed classes to study the language and culture of the countries they will visit.

Competition for places in the troupe is intense. Last year, more than 1,200 students auditioned. Those selected are chosen not only for their singing, dancing and musical skills but also for their attitudes about life and their abilities to articulate those attitudes.

Tickets Priced JD 2, JD 1 and 500 fils are available for both performances from the Haya Arts Centre, the Jordan Artists Association, Firas Bookshop and University Bookshop, among other places.



The success of the Young Ambassadors' shows stems from the fact that they believe what they sing

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Malhas due in U.S. April 2

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Zuhair Malhas will leave for the United States on April 2 for a two-week visit to get acquainted with American methods of hospital planning and the functional relationship among the various sections of the hospital. Dr. Malhas will be accompanied on the visit by his adviser for hospital affairs, Dr. Mustafa Al Barmawi.

### 184,303 sheep die

AMMAN (Petra) — Some 184,303 head of sheep were slaughtered at Amman's slaughterhouse in 1981, according to a municipal spokesman. He said that 1,543 cows, 83 camels and 1,720,894 fowl had also been slaughtered at the slaughterhouse. According to the spokesman, fees collected for slaughtering, storage and transport of meat operations amounted to JD 145,691 during 1981.

### Bankers elect new board

AMMAN (J.T.) — A new five-member board for the Association of Banks in Jordan was elected this week. On the new board, now chaired by Mr. Abdul Majid Shoman of the Arab Bank, are: Mr. Ziad Innab of the Industrial Development Bank, Mr. Sufian Ibrahim of the Jordan Kuwait Bank, Mr. Fakhri Bileisi of the International Credit and Commerce Bank and Mr. Jawad Hadid of the Jordan Arab Investment Bank. Mr. Innab was elected the board's vice chairman.

### Textbook museum planned

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education has

approved the establishment of a "Textbook Museum" in Salt under the administrative supervision of the Salt Community College. The new museum will include all schoolbooks which have been taught in Jordan and Palestine since 1921, and will house all Ministry of Education documents relating to education in Jordan.

### Jubeiba studies park

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jubeiba Municipality and an international establishment are currently studying a project for the establishment of a public park in the Jubeiba region. Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Wednesday. Al Ra'i quoted Jubeiba Mayor Mustafa Al Lawzi as saying that the municipal council has approved the project in principle, which would be established on 63 dunums of land.

### Towns to unify services

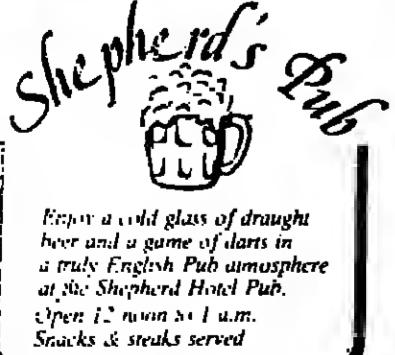
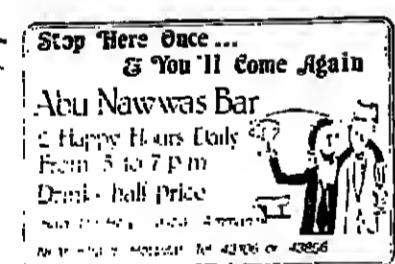
ZARQA (Petra) — The establishment of joint services centres for adjoining towns and villages in Zarqa District was discussed at a meeting here Wednesday. At the meeting, chaired by Zarqa District Governor Salem Al Quda, and attended by heads of the district's municipal councils, agreement was reached in the formation of several such centres. They will be in the form of schools and social, medical and postal centres.

### Villages get water network

AJLOUN (Petra) — The municipalities of Ibbin and Ibbin have completed work on a joint water pipe network. The network, containing 15 kilometres of pipe, cost JD 60,000, a municipal statement said.

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## British parliamentarians leave after seeing Prince, Abu Odeh, House speaker

AMMAN (Petra) — A British parliamentary delegation on a fact-finding mission in the Middle East left Amman for the occupied territories on Friday at the end of a two-day visit.

The 12-member delegation, which arrived in Amman on Wednesday, was received on Thursday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh and Upper House of Parliament Speaker Bahjat Al Talhouni.

Prince Hassan briefed the delegation on Israel's policy of establishing settlements in the occupied Arab lands and the policy aimed at exploiting the so-called Village Leagues sowing disunity among the Arabs of the occupied territories in order to perpetuate occupation and to impose the autonomy plan on them. He stressed to the delegation Jordan's determination to confront these schemes. The meeting was attended by British Ambassador in Amman Alan Urwick.

Mr. Abu Odeh reviewed with the visitors current events in the occupied territories and the Israeli acts oppression of Arab citizens. He stressed that the current uprising and resistance to the Israeli occupation authorities was the

natural reaction to Israel's policy to attempts to evacuate the land of its native inhabitants and its continued disavowal of the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Answering questions by the members of the British delegation, Mr. Abu Odeh reviewed the various aspects and intricacies of the Arab-Israeli conflict on the Arab and the international levels. He warned against world powers' failure to adopt the necessary steps to implement United Nations resolutions on the Palestinian issue, or to put an end to the Israeli aggression on the occupied Arab territories.

Mr. Talhouni reviewed with the British delegation the development of parliamentary life in Jordan, and explained to them the legislative and political authorities of both houses of parliament in Jordan.

### Princess Basma returns from U.K.-Jordan society meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Highness Princess Basma returned to Amman on Friday evening after representing His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan in his capacity as president of the Anglo-Jordanian Society's annual meeting. Princess Basma made a speech to the society asserting the significance of developing Jordanian-British relations.

In the speech Princess Basma called for further efforts to strengthen Arab-European relations, and to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

The society's annual meeting was attended by the Duke of Kent, who is the cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and Crown Prince Hassan's counterpart in sponsoring the society; and many Arab and British personalities.

### Mother's Day celebrated at Sports City

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor attended on Thursday the opening of a Mother's Day celebration organised by the Friends of Children Club in cooperation with Jordan Television, at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City.

The celebration, which will continue for two days, will include several cultural shows and children's plays.

The opening ceremony was also attended by the Minister of Social Development Iman Al Mufti, Amman Mayor Iman Ajlouni, many children and their parents.

### APU secretary general stops en route to Baghdad

AMMAN (Petra) — Arab Parliamentary Union Secretary General Husam Al Khatib arrived in Amman on Thursday, en route to Baghdad. During his stay in Jordan, he will meet with Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Al Talhouni and brief him on the union's activities and steps taken to prepare for the meetings of the council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which will be held in Lagos next month.

Answering a question by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Khatib said the aim of his visit to Iraq is to prepare for a two-day Arab Parliamentary Union meeting which will begin on Saturday, to discuss the separation of executive, legislative and judicial powers, and the impact of this separation on the democratic process in Arab countries. He said this is the first meeting of its kind organised by the union out of its desire to exchange legislative expertise among Arab parliamentarians and to consolidate democratic practices in the Arab World.

Dr. Khatib said studies and memos will be submitted to the meeting on this subject, by the various branches of the Arab Parliamentary Union, and these studies and memos will be the basis of discussion.

Parliamentary delegates from Jordan, Algeria, the United Arab

### Bishop Sayegh to celebrate 2 special masses

AMMAN (J.T.) — The new Roman Catholic Bishop of East Jordan, Msgr. Salim Sayegh, will celebrate a special English-language mass tomorrow (Sunday, March 28), at 5 p.m., at the St. John the Baptist De La Salle (Freres) Church, Jabal Hussein.

The mass is open to all interested worshippers in the community, and will be followed by a reception in the church hall. Msgr. Sayegh will also celebrate an Arabic-language mass at the same church at 9 a.m. on the same day, also to be followed by an open reception in the church hall.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### Exhibitions

- Twenty-five Years of French Rock, at the French Cultural Centre.
- International painters, at the Amman Marriott Hotel.

#### Film

- Judo Sugata, Japanese film with Arabic sub-titles, at the Amman Chamber of Industry at 5 p.m. Followed by documentary, Japan Today.

#### The Young Ambassadors

- Song and dance show, starts at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City at 6 p.m. Tickets JD 2, JD 1 or 500 fils.

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## Iraqi trade team meets Crown Prince



AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received at the Royal Court on Thursday an Iraqi trade delegation visiting Jordan under Iraqi Chambers of Commerce Chairman and Trade Ministry Under-Secretary Hatem Abdul Rashid (above). Crown Prince Hassan reviewed with the delegation the close relations between Iraq and Jordan in various domains, particularly trade relations. Mr. Rashid also met on Thursday with several Jordanian businessmen and

industrialists, and exchanged views on ways to expand and develop trade and economic relations between the two countries. Mr. Rashid said Jordanian agricultural produce has entered the Iraqi market in enormous quantities, and is given priority by the Iraqi government, because it has won the confidence of the Iraqi consumer. He also praised Jordan's honourable stand in supporting Iraq in its just war against Iran.

## European parliamentarians learn of Palestinian refugees' plight

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the Arab-European parliamentary cooperation association on Friday visited the Schenkel refugee camp, where Mr. Abdul Rahim Jarar of the Occupied Territories Affairs Ministry explained to it the difficult life the refugees lead because of their absence from their homeland. He said the services rendered by the United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) are below the required level because of the agency's financial difficulties.

A camp dignitary made a speech saying that the refugees' demands are known, and they will not accept anything short of a return home. "Our people will continue their struggle until their homeland is liberated," he affirmed.

The members of the delegation discussed with the delegation the Middle East issue and the grave developments of the current situation in the region. He explained to the members of the delegation the basic elements of Jordan's stand on the Palestinian issue and on the principles for a just solution based on total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, particularly Arab Jerusalem, and the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including their right to establish a state on their national soil.

Mr. Qasem pointed to the historical responsibility that falls to Europe to adopt an effective role in denouncing and stopping aggression and participating positively in the process of establishing peace in the region, according to the principles approved by the international community and various U.N. resolutions.

Mr. Talhouni reviewed with the members of the delegation developments in the Middle East crisis in general and the Palestinian issue in particular, the Israeli practices in the occupied territories and the Israeli authorities' aggression against the Arab people in Palestine and the Golan Heights, particularly during the current uprising.

The delegation's members expressed their understanding of the Jordanian view and of the need to reach a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue, the overall Middle East crisis and the Lebanese issue. The meeting was attended by a number of parliament members.

## 'Repression taking racist form'

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film had shown what was happening on the West Bank. "We have seen those Palestinians who are afraid, who are scared. But many are now no longer afraid to fight the troops," he added.

About 1,500 people, including officials from the French Communist Party, demonstrated outside the Israeli embassy on Friday in protest against the Israeli measures in the West Bank and Gaza.

A small group of protesters was allowed into the mission to present a petition.

U.S. State Department Spokesman Dean Fisher was quoted by the Saudi newspaper Al Jazera, in its early Saturday edition, as expressing regret over

developments in the West Bank.

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## Yugoslav firm prospects for NRA

## There's oil in them thar hills!

By Steve Ross  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — There is definitely oil in Jordan's northeastern desert, but it will be a long time before anyone knows whether there is enough of it to make commercial exploitation feasible. Mr. Slobodan Marinkovic, one of the Yugoslav experts working for the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) on its oil exploration programme near Azraq, told the Jordan Times this week in an interview after the NRA's announcement earlier this week of the discovery.

Mr. Marinkovic's firm, Nafta-Gas Exploration and Production, has been working at a test drillhole near Azraq oasis since October 1981. The hole yielded small quantities of petroleum at a depth of 2,650 metres; but drilling has been extended about 900 metres below that.

Besides the actual presence of the oil, several geophysical factors give encouraging signs of the presence of more of the precious fluid, Mr. Marinkovic said. But even if much larger quantities had been discovered in the test bore, he cautioned, it would still need a long period of testing and study before its exploitation could be declared feasible.

The Yugoslav firm is about to finish up its work at the present drilling site, he said. It will move to another bore nearby, and NRA teams will take over at the first one. With the experience of the first drillhole behind them, Mr. Marinkovic said, the drillers have an advantage at the second one. "The programme is defined for the next one by this one," he said: "... we know the 'secrets' now." Mr. Marinkovic and 35 other people from his company who are now in Jordan will remain at least until October, he said. Their contract with the NRA is for one year, renewable for two more.

Mr. Marinkovic is the commercial manager of the Department for Foreign Investments of Nafta-Gas Exploration and Production, which is one member of the Nafta-Gas group, based in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. He said Nafta-Gas is the second largest company in his country (the largest is also concerned with petroleum). It handles everything to do with oil: "all the way from geophysics to the petrol station."

Thus, if Jordan turns out to have commercial quantities of oil, Nafta-Gas would boost its activities, and could help in pumping.

Yugoslavia produces 4.5 million tonnes a year, about 25 per cent of its own requirements of petroleum, Mr. Marinkovic said. Of this, Nafta-Gas—which has two refineries—contributes about 1.5-2 million tonnes. Internationally, Nafta-Gas has taken some exploration concessions in several countries in addition to Jordan. The largest job is in Algeria, where the Yugoslav firm is exploring an area of 12,000 square kilometres in a partnership with the government organisation Sonatrach. In some countries, Nafta-Gas shares concessions. Mr. Marinkovic mentioned Angola, where his company is co-operating with French and Italian firms.

In Jordan, Nafta-Gas' work is on the basis of a contract rather than a concession. The NRA had already done the geophysical work. Mr. Marinkovic said; the Yugoslavs were brought in to do the drilling.

This is the second time Nafta-Gas has worked in this country. It had a crew here in 1969 and 1972, Mr. Marinkovic said, working on the Wadi Seer Road.

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## America's peace

THE RELATIONSHIP between the Israeli-backed village leagues in the occupied territories, the Camp David "autonomy" plan and the most recent Israeli sacking of three Palestinian municipal councils and mayors in the West Bank are becoming increasingly obvious for all to see. Despite the fact that the Camp David "autonomy" plan was rejected outright by the Palestinians from the start, the Americans, Israelis and Egyptians pushed ahead with it, and continue to do so, with the aim of trying to implement the self-governing authority by force. The major constraint on the plan, however, has been the total lack of Palestinian quislings to go along with the idea. Therefore the Israelis and Americans, both of whom have shown themselves to be impervious to the strictures of both reality and honour, created -- or thought they did -- a collection of malleable Palestinian hirelings. The mayors of Bireh, Nablus and Ramallah have now been removed by Israel and replaced by Israeli military officers (which reminds us of the campaign slogans of the American president, Mr. Ronald Reagan, to the effect that Israel has to be supported because it is the only democracy in a sea of tyranny, or something of that sort: remember, Ronald?)

The next phase of the soulless drama (besides proposed American aid to Israel of \$2.485 billion in 1983, the single largest American bilateral aid programme in the world) seems to be the activation of the self-governing authority by a combination of appointed Israeli military officers and village league desperados, with not a single legitimate Palestinian leader or self-respecting Palestinian national in sight. And we shall have peace.... as the Americans brought peace to Vietnam.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

### Evading responsibilities

AL RA'I: The aggressive war and the military acts of repression being practiced by the Israeli occupation authorities against our people in the occupied territories have taken a new and grave turn with the dismissal of Mr. Bassam Al Shak'a and Mr. Karem Khalaf from their posts.

The situation in the occupied territories has been aggravated further because the United Nations Security Council has postponed its deliberations on the Arab complaint against the Israeli practices. This postponement is an unjustifiable act of evading the responsibility of the U.N. Security Council. International reactions which condemned the Israeli measures have also evaded supporting the imposition of any punishment on Israel. Despite its condemnation of the Israeli practices, France has declared that it will abstain from voting at the Security Council if the proposed resolution calls for imposing sanctions against Israel.

It is clear that Western observers do not hide their belief that the Council will not play a real role in handling the deteriorating situation in the occupied Arab territories. These expected results will only encourage Israel to proceed with its aggressive war against the West Bank and Gaza. The U.S. policy bears the greater share of responsibility for these continued Israeli practices because the U.S. veto is always there to protect Israel.

In view of these facts, it is clear that waiting for an international action to deter the Israeli practices is like chasing a mirage. Hence, the Arabs have one option, of depending on themselves in confronting the escalating Israeli challenge. They must take speedy measures to support our steadfast people in the occupied territories, unite and build their strength.

### Tanks against children

AL DUSTOUR: The arbitrary Israeli military authorities' dismissal of Nablus and Ramallah mayors and the dissolution of Al Bireh Municipal Council will never be able to change the reality that the uprising of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza is proof enough that these people not only insist on rejecting the conspiracy of the civilian administration but are also firm in their determination to resist and confront the Israeli occupation.

The Israeli measures can only prove that the enemy authorities have lost their nerve because they have failed to subdue the will of the Palestinian people and their heroic struggle against the soldiers of the Israeli military occupation. The dismissal of the mayors will never affect these people's will to fight. On the contrary, this Israeli measure has driven the Palestinian people to escalate their resistance forcing Israeli occupation officials to call on the support of paratroopers and tanks to besiege Palestinian cities and villages and to confront the brave Palestinian women, old men, and children who are fighting to defend their rights, existence and sacred cause.

Our steadfast people will continue their strike and their resistance, particularly in the Villages where agent leagues operate. The Israeli measure is a flagrant defiance to the U.N. Security Council. It also defies the United Nations and the international will.

The strange thing is that the Arab states are keeping silent on what is taking place in the West Bank and Gaza. Their statements of support and denunciation will not be able to save the Palestinians who are waging a battle for their freedom in the West Bank and Gaza. We call on the Arab states to abandon their silence and to take action, or at least to move on the diplomatic level, to help our steadfast people in the occupied territories before it is too late.

# Inflation in Jordan: A reappraisal

By Dr. Adeeb Haddad

As a monetary economist, I have felt bound to take the opportunity of venturing a few concepts and comments about inflation in a developing country like Jordan, after I read some interesting columns written by specialists in the Jordan Times. Perhaps this will lead us to a better understanding of the inflationary process in Jordan.

In the spirit of scientific investigation for purposes of policy making, I would like to expose the following questions: What are the causes of inflation in Jordan? Why does it happen? And how can it be prevented, stopped or at least constrained?

At the very outset, it is important to stress that I do not believe any one desires a continuation of the inflationary trend in this country. Inflation -- i.e., continuing increases in the average level of prices -- has traditionally been seen as an urgent economic problem. This problem has been intensified in recent years, and our understanding of economic mechanisms involved has been deepened and broadened.

Clearly, however, we cannot do anything fruitful in the way of stopping inflation or at least of keeping it within a limit rate until we know why it happens. To explain why some economic problems or phenomena happen, we, the economists, start by formulating a set of relationships which suffice to determine the economic variables that relate to the problem to be explained. For instance, the appropriate model set up for dealing with the causes of inflation would be set of relationships which determine the continuous upward movement in the rate of inflation.

### Theory & practice

However, given the structural-

features of developing economies and the absence of systematic analysis of economic behaviour in developing countries, we may pose here the following basic analytic questions. Is it possible that the theoretical relationships formulated to explain economic behaviour in the developed economies are applicable to developing economies? If so, how much are they?

Basically, no one would seriously deny that the institutional and structural characteristics of the two types of economy are widely different. But, as Schumpeter pointed out, it seems unlikely that such differences would render ineffective the economic theory in developing countries. Thus, due to the peculiarities of each developing economy, necessary modifications should be taken into account. In addition, the choice of any relevant theory to the economic conditions of developing economies is a problem of empirical evidence rather than a direct counterpart of the theoretical concept.

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## Gold fever in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (A.P.) — A gold buying epidemic has hit Bahrain—the oil-rich Gulf area's economic thermometer—amid sober predictions about the impact of the area's almost total dependence on oil revenues.

Gold tradery in this entrepreneurial Gulf island of 380,000 inhabitants said the gold buying fever was of a magnitude similar to that reported earlier in Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, where all forms of gold were being bought as soon as new shipments were offered on the market. Traders were quoted by the Arabic-language newspaper *Akhbar*.

Al-Khaleej as attributing the demand to declining gold prices, which they said was precipitated by Soviet sales and to uncertainties about the short-term future of oil revenues.

"Saudis, Kuwaitis and westerners were the main buyers before the price dropped," said Abbas Abdullah of Family Jewellers store, "but now Bahrainis and other nationalities are buying, with an average of \$2650-\$3975 per single order." Bahrain was the first Gulf country where oil was found half a century ago. With reserves down and daily production now at a mere 45,000 barrels a day, it stands as a graphic

example or other oil producers.

"Gulf countries are clearly affected by any oil market glut small or big, because oil is for most of them the sole source of income," said Akhbar Al Khaleej. "But our moves to lessen dependence on oil have been weak, with revenues tied in easy return cash investments abroad and on similar and harmfully competitive industries which we do not need."

A draft budget announced by Bahrain earlier this year foresees no deficits in 1982.

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## EEC farmers get price rise

STRASBOURG, France (R) — The European Parliament voted Friday in favour of a 14 per cent price rise for the European Economic Community's (EEC) eight million farmers.

The vote represented a sharp rebuff for the EEC commission proposals for a nine per cent average price rise, and will give a boost to EEC farmers in their bid to secure substantially increased prices for their produce this year.

The commission has said a 14 per cent increase this year could lead to the imminent exhaustion of EEC funds, but farmers have insisted a 16 per cent price rise is justified.

EEC agriculture ministers are due to begin a three-day meeting in Brussels on Wednesday where they will strive to bridge the deep differences between the community's 10 member states over the issue.

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## Strike hits Belgian industry

BRUSSELS (R) — Thousands of Belgian workers downed tools Friday in the second nationwide 24-hour strike against government economic policies in six weeks, bringing several industrial towns to a standstill.

Organisers said the strike found strongest support in the depressed steel town of Liege, traditionally a centre of union militancy, and was heavily-backed in Charleroi, Mons and other southern industrial towns.

Many factories in the French-

speaking south were silent, work at normally busy port of Antwerp was disrupted, the coal mines of eastern Belgium were down to half-working, and in a number of places bus and train services were suspended.

Police said about 7,500 people demonstrated in the centre of Antwerp and a few hundred marched through Brussels, but in both cases without incident.

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## Poland to reschedule debt payments

FRANKFURT (R) — Poland appears to have cleared the way, more than three months behind schedule, for signing an agreement to reschedule payments of some \$2.4 billion in debt owed to 50 Western banks.

Dresdner Bank, the West German bank co-ordinating the rescheduling, said Friday that the Polish authorities appeared to

have fulfilled their latest pledge to meet outstanding interest payments by Friday. Paying the interest was a pre-condition set by the banks to reschedule the debt which fell due in 1981.

In a brief statement, it said that nearly all the interest due had been received by the banks but due to technical difficulties completion could be verified only at

the beginning of next week. "We presume, however, that we will be able to send out invitations for a signing of the rescheduling agreement in Frankfurt on April 6," it said.

Poland has been gradually paying its interest arrears, which had amounted to about \$500 million when martial law was imposed there on December 13.

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — End account factors made for slow trading and equity prices drifted lower Friday dealers said. At 1500 GMT the F.T. index was down 4.7 to 555.2.

Sterling weakness against the dollar prompted an opening markdown in government bonds but they met little selling pressure and prices held steady at the lower levels, up to 1/4 point below Thursday's close.

Barclays and Natwest both shed 5p though Midland ended unchanged on balance. GEC fell 10p to 809 and both Thorn and Plessey gave up 8p. U.S. and Canadians were generally higher.

Gold shares ended narrowly mixed and in diamonds De Beers was eight cents down at 397 after 390.

Metal Box shed 12p to 162 after announcing 1,200 planned job losses due to continuing low demand. Lucas fell 5p to 191 on further consideration of Thursday's interim results. Other engineering leaders were weak. Tubes, GKN, Hawker Siddeley and British Aerospace all lost between 2p and 4p. ICI and Glaxo both ended 4p lower.

Leading oils edged higher, with B.P., Shell and Ultramar up 4p to 6p.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.7870/80	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2272/75	Canadian dollars
2.3978/88	2.6550/80	West German marks
1.9090/9100	45.25/28	Dutch guilders
6.2640/90	6.2640/90	Swiss francs
1316.00/50	1316.00/50	Belgian francs
247.45/65	247.45/65	French francs
5.9010/30	5.9010/30	Italian lire
6.1000/25	6.1000/25	Japanese yen
8.1750/75	8.1750/75	Swedish crowns
Once ounce of gold	323.25/323.75	Norwegian crowns
		Danish crowns
		U.S. dollars

PEKING (R) — American businessman Armand Hammer said Friday China's leaders had assured him that his petroleum company's ambitious plans to cooperate with Chinese industry will not be affected by current Sino-U.S. coolness over Taiwan.

He told reporters after an hour-long meeting with party Vice-Chairman Deng Xiaoping that Mr. Deng said the Chinese would not compromise on the issue of continuing U.S. arms sales to the nationalist government on Taiwan.

He quoted Mr. Deng as saying: "There is no room for give on that question, but as far as our business is concerned it will not affect our relations."

Dr. Hammer's Occidental Petroleum Corporation signed an agreement with China Thursday for a feasibility study it expects will lead to a joint venture to develop one of the world's largest coalmines at Pingshuo, west of Peking.

He said he discussed with Mr. Deng further cooperation in the fields of oil, chemicals and in particular chemical fertilisers, agriculture and livestock.

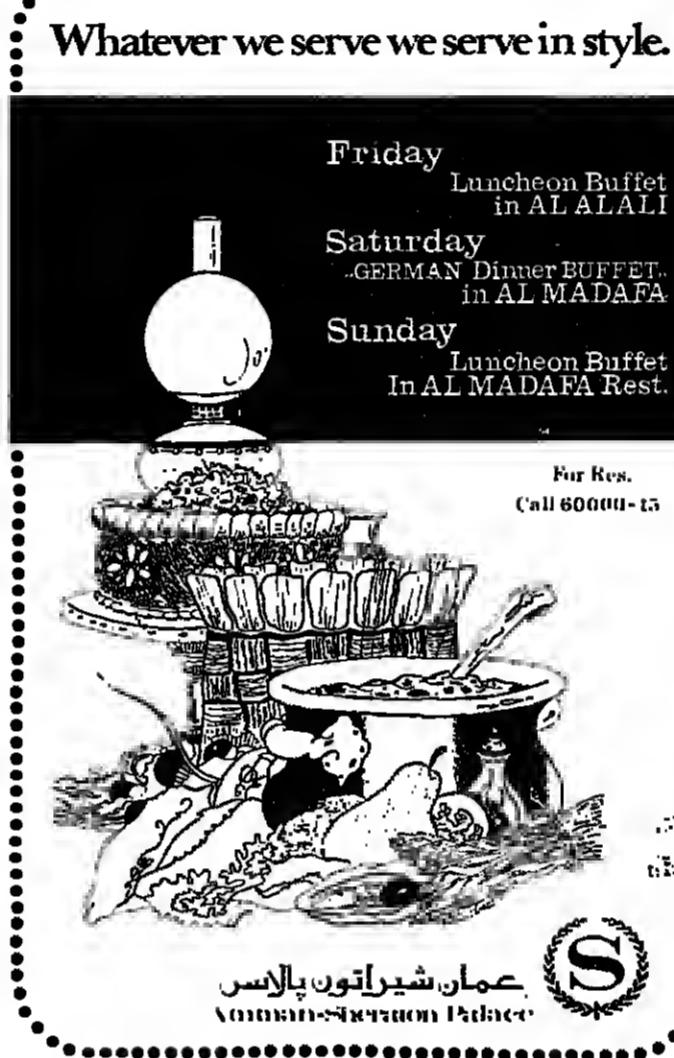
"The vice-chairman said they will cooperate with U.S. in every way. Their policy is to encourage foreign investment," Dr. Hammer added.

The 83-year-old businessman, who as a young man pioneered U.S. trade with the Soviet Union,

said the subject of Sino-Soviet relations did not come up.

But he said Mr. Deng questioned him closely.

Earlier, speaking to Mr. Deng in front of reporters in the great hall of the people, Dr. Hammer praised China's modernisation.



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7:20 Local Programme

7:30 Local Programme on Agriculture

8:00 News in Arabic

8:20 Arabic Series

9:00 Local Programme

10:15 Arabic Play

11:00 News in Arabic

11:10 Arabic Play Continues

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programmes

7:00 News in French

7:30 News in Hebrew

7:45 Varieties

8:00 News in Arabic

8:30 M.A.S.H.

8:45 Doctor

9:20 Saturday Variety Show

10:00 News in English

10:15 Feature Film: "Rodeo Girl"

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7:00 Sign on Morning Show

7:01 News Bulletin

7:40 Morning Show

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13:00 News Summary

13:03 Radiotheque

14:00 News Bulletin

14:10 Instrumentals

Over a Cup of Tea

Concert Hour

15:00 News Summary

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Old Favourites

17:00 Melody Time

In Concert

18:00 News Summary

Play of the Week

19:00 News

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04:00 Newsdesk

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04:55 Reflections

05:00 World News

British Press Review

05:15 About Britain

05:20 Book Choice

05:30 Today

06:00 Newsdesk

07:00 World News

News about Britain

07:15 From the Weeklies

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Reflections

08:15 Pebbles' Choice

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11:25 The Week in Wales

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12:30 Anything Goes

13:00 Sports Round-up

# SPORTS

## Ethiopian Kedir, star race attraction at Five Mills

MILAN, Italy (R) — Mohammed Kedir of Ethiopia, winner of the CC world cross-country championship in Rome on Sunday, 6-7 will be the star attraction at the Five Mills race near here on Sunday.

The 28-year-old champion can expect tough opposition over the 9.5-kilometre course at San Vittore Olana, which gained its name from the five water mills marking the route when the race began 50 years ago.

New Zealand's Rod Dixon and Hans-Joerg Kunze of East Germany, third and fourth in Rome, will be on the starting line as will Australia's Robert de Castella, 10th in the world championship.

"The Ethiopians are strong but the party must end for them some time," Dixon, 31, told reporters. "At Rome I made the mistake of holding back too long."

Britain's challenge will be led by Mike McLeod, fifth last Sunday.

## Honour is at stake in the boat race

LONDON (R) — Thousands of Britain's diehard sportsmen, scholars, nostalgic politicians and the merely curious will jostle for places on the banks of London's River Thames Saturday to watch an historical pantomime.

The occasion is the annual boat race between England's oldest universities, Oxford and Cambridge. The crowds are drawn not so much by their fascination for 128 years of rowing rivalry as the secret hope that one of the crews might sink Cambridge, in ignominious style, four years ago.

Honour is at stake and Oxford have rubbed salt in the wounds by winning for a record six years in a row. Last year they even introduced a woman cox to the helm for the first time, sending shock waves through this one-time has-tion of male sport.

Sue Brown will be steering again this year. But perhaps more attention will be paid further up the Oxford boat to the giant Boris Rankov, who hopes to set a race record by rowing in his fifth successive victory.

Rankov, the bespectacled son of a Yugoslav, is the oldest and biggest of the Oxford crew, weighing almost 95 kilogramme.

He equalled last year's previous record of four victories in one of the Dark Blue's most powerful displays of strength and rhythm. In January, he decided to come out of retirement at the age of 27 for another crack at Cambridge's overall lead of 68-56.

Although Cambridge's last victory came when most of the present crew were still at school, the Light Blues can be more optimistic this year. They have vastly improved under the coaching of Graeme Hall who helped Britain to a silver medal in the Moscow Olympics.

Earlier this week, Cambridge beat national light-weight crew and went on to set a record along one stretch of the Thames. But London bookmakers still favour Oxford.

The climax of months of hard training will be watched by millions at home on television and be over in less than 20 minutes.

## Pele tips 4 favourites for World Cup finals

LONDON (R) — Pele, one of the most famous names in soccer, tipped two South American and two European teams as his favourites in the World Cup finals starting in June.

"It is very hard to say who will win," the winner of two World Cup medals said, but named his own country Brazil, Argentina, West Germany and hosts Spain as the teams to watch.

Pele, here for a soccer promotional event, also chose Belgium as strong outsiders: "I very much like the way Belgium play. I think this year may be Belgium's."

Pele, who made his name with a devastating appearance at the age of 17 when Brazil won the Cup in

Sweden in 1958 and helped them to victory again in 1970 in Mexico, was less hopeful about England's chances, saying they had a lot to prove as did Kevin Keegan who is "maybe in his last World Cup."

As swift with words as he was on his feet, Pele dealt neatly when asked to compare Diego Maradona, the new soccer sensation from Argentina, with himself at the height of his career.

"You have only one Beethoven, but many good musicians. Only one Muhammed Ali, but many good boxers... maybe Maradona will be a very good player, or better, but different to Pele. I played my first game for Brazil when I was 16."

### Rubik Cube championship date announced

BUDAPEST, Hungary (A.P.) — The first Rubik's Cube world championship will be held here June 5, organisers of the event said Friday.

They said national champions from 30 countries have been invited to compete in the contest, which will be judged by the Hungarian inventor of the cube, Erno Rubik, and an international jury.

The previously announced championship will comprise three rounds, with the fastest overall time taking the title, the Organisers said.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
1 ♦ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦ KQJ872 ♠ J9 ♦ J62 ♣ A95  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠  
Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦ 93 ♠ J752 ♦ AK984 ♣ K10  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦ AKQJ7 ♦ J4 ♠ AJ8 ♣ Q6  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♦ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♦ Q76 ♠ A10952 ♦ 643 ♣ K9  
The bidding has proceeded:  
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### Camels sweat for '82 cars

BAHRAIN (A.P.) — Latest model petrol-guzzlers were the top prizes Friday in a two-day race featuring history's most reliable and economic travellers—camels.

About 450 thoroughbred camels, owned mostly by the ruling United Arab Emirates family, Saudi, Qatar, Bahrain and local UAE dignitaries, participated in event, held at the Dubai Camel Race Track.

Owners followed the racers closely in their own cars along the 10-kilometre track. Most of the jockeys were teenagers.

Thursday's eight races—with 45 camels participating in each—were the top story in Friday's editions of the UAE English-language daily *Khaleej Times*.

Saroukh (rocket), Jamra (fireball) and Sayha (tourist) were among the leaders vying for the pot, comprised mainly of latest model cars and some cash prizes, according to the report.

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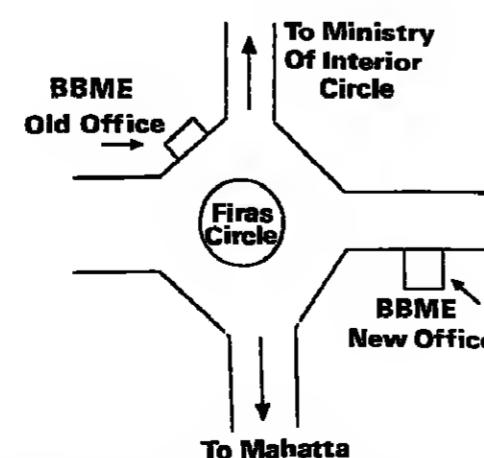
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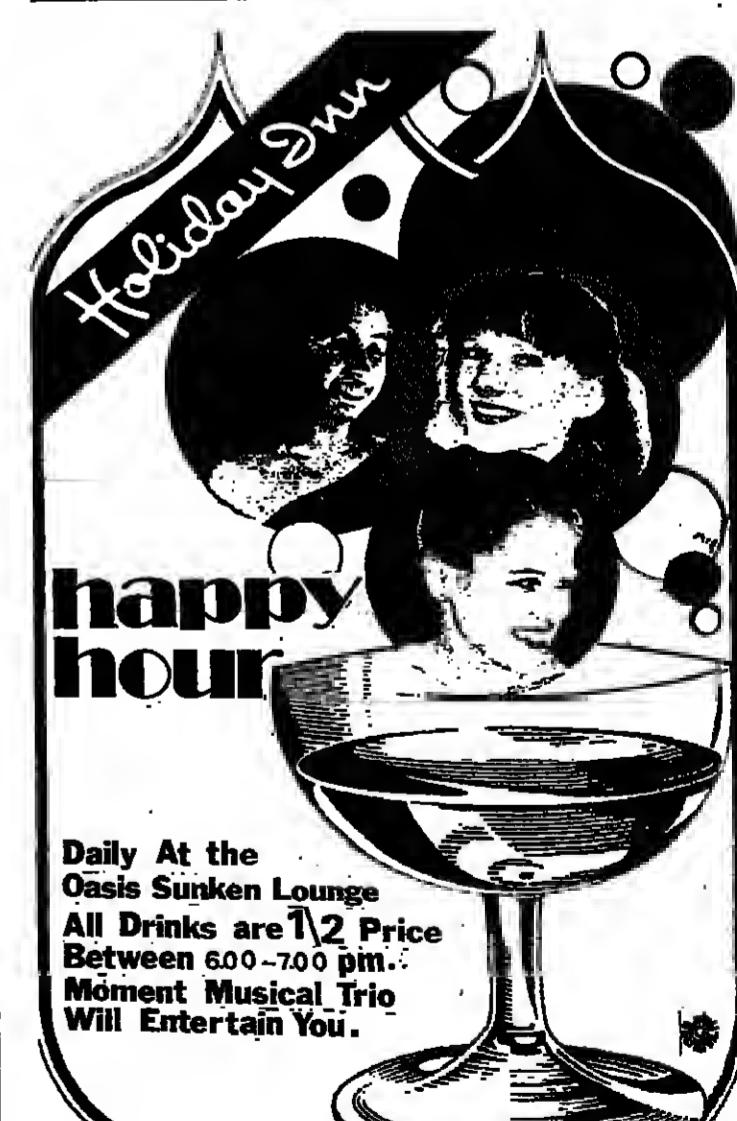
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# WORLD

Experts study minor communications problem

## Columbia continues space experiments

HOUSTON (R) — Astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton Friday fired their space shuttle's manoeuvring rockets while experts on the ground studied a problem of communications.

The astronauts, feeling fine after becoming accustomed to the lack of gravity, also continued scientific experiments on their fifth day in orbit.

The rocket test firings were intended to demonstrate that the engines would work properly after being exposed to the bitter cold of space, minus 200 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 130 C).

One of the major objectives of

the orbiter's seven-day mission, its third in space, is to show how well it works in the temperature extremes of space. In the sun, the temperature can soar to 200 degrees Fahrenheit (90 C).

Mission officials said they were not really concerned about an apparent failure of part of the spaceship's communication system, because communications would work well without that part.

## Peking cold shoulders Brezhnev's peace offer

PEKING (R) — China Friday reacted coolly to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's call for an end to bitter hostility between the Communist giants, indicating that relations would improve only if Moscow alters its policies.

Western diplomatic sources noted that an official Chinese statement did not respond directly to Mr. Brezhnev's call for better relations, focussing instead on the Soviet leader's criticism of China. One source called the statement "very curt and discouraging," and said it offered little hope of a rapprochement between Moscow and Peking after 20 years of deep enmity.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said his government had noted President Brezhnev's call, made during a speech given by the Kremlin leader in the Soviet Asian city of Tashkent. The Chinese spokesman added:

"We firmly reject the attacks on China contained in the remarks. In Sino-Soviet relations and international affairs, what we attach importance to are the actual deeds of the Soviet Union."

Diplomats said the reference to "actual deeds" indicated that China would consider a thaw in Sino-Soviet relations only if Moscow made concrete concessions to Peking over foreign policy or bilateral relations.

Major points of difference include the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan, the longstanding Sino-Soviet border dispute and Soviet influence in Indochina.

Diplomats said recent Chinese attacks on the Soviet Union had been as intense as ever despite the cooling of Peking's relations with the United States as a result of American plans to sell further fighter planes to Taiwan.

The shuttle has two complete communications systems and officials at the Johnson Space Centre here said Thursday night that as long as they had one complete system and part of the other they would continue with the mission as planned.

The leader of the communications specialists studying the problem said they thought it was related to a computer programming problem and not really an equipment failure.

Apart from firing the manoeuvring rockets, the astronauts also used the shuttle's remote-controlled mechanical arm to lift an instrument package out of the payload bay to examine the environment around the ship.

### ETA kills another in San Sebastian

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (A.P.) — Basque separatists ambushed and killed the local representative of the telephone company and gravely wounded his police escort in San Sebastian Friday, authorities said.

He was the fourth person killed in northern Spain this week by the Basque separatist organisation ETA, police said.

The authoritative Lisbon daily Diario de Noticias said in an editorial it would be premature to conclude that Gen. Eanes was about to dismiss the prime minister or that internal squabbles in the coalition would bring down the government.

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes summoned the speaker of parliament, Francisco Oliveira Dias, Friday night an hour before his regular weekly meeting with the prime minister to discuss a recent incident that led to a break between Mr. Balsemao's Social Democratic Party (PSD) and its Christian Democrat (CDS) partners.

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